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NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

Latest from Before Richmond.

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A Doubtful Rumor that Gen. Sherman is There.

THE SITUATION BELOW PETERSBURG UNCHANGED.

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OUR NASHVILLE DISPATCHES WHERE-ABOUTS OF FORREST.

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, } Friday, Oct. 7, 1864.

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Satisfactory reports of the operations in progress before Richmond and Petersburg have been received, but their details are not at present proper for publication.

A dispatch from General Stevenson reports that an officer of General Sheridan's staff had just arrived. General Sheridan was still at Harrisonburg. His supply trains were going on all night, but were occasionally interrupted by guerillas—the only rebel force on the road.

This officer brought in the remains of St. John A. Meigs, of the Engineer Corps, the son of Brevet Major General Meigs, Quartermaster General. He was killed by bushwhackers last Monday while making a military survey.

General Rosecrans reports that General Ewing made good his retreat to Rolla, he not only saving his baggage, and there killed and wounded by the way, very few in number. From the number of the wounded rebels, the enemy's loss won't fall much short of 1,000 *here on record.*

E. M. STANTON, Sec'y of War.

FROM SPRINGFIELD.

An Order Acknowledging the Services of the One Hundred Day Troops of the Northwest.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

SPRINGFIELD, Friday, Oct. 7.

The Governor has received the following from Washington:

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.

To the Governor of Illinois.

The following order has been made by the President, and the Adjutant General is preparing certificates for the officers and soldiers of your State, which will be forwarded to you for distribution.

(SIGNED) EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON CITY, Oct. 1st 1864.

The special Executive orders returning to their volunteers for one hundred days from the States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin. The term of one hundred days for which volunteers from the States of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin volunteered under the call of their respective Governors in the months of May and June, to aid the recent campaign of Gen. Sherman, having expired, the President directs an official acknowledgment to be made of their patriotic services, and he tenders good fortune to render effective service in the brilliant operations in the Southwest, and to contribute to the victories of the valiant armies of the resort forces in Georgia under the command of Johnson and Hood. On all occasions and at every service in which they were assigned, their duty as patriotic volunteers has performed with alacrity and courage, for which they are entitled to, and are hereby tendered, the national thanks, through the Governors of their respective States.

The Secretary of War is directed to transmit a copy of this order to the Governors of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin, and to cause a certificate of honorable service to be delivered to the officers and soldiers of the States above names who recently served in the military force of the United States as volunteers for one hundred days. (Signed) ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Lieutenant-Commander Chas. H. Oliver, who has been for eleven years in the United States service, arrived at his home, in this city, to-day. He had command of a division of the Mississippi fleet since the battle of Arkansas Post. He is a Springfield boy, and a firm supporter of the Government. His grandsire, the Lovejoy, was one of the seven regiments which run the blockade of the river at Vicksburg.

Gen. Jos. Cook, now stationed west of the Missouri River, has been appointed to temporarily relieve Gen. Pope at this post.

The New York report of the great Union meeting here on Wednesday last succeeded in securing that the scenes of Mellenry & Co., and E. B. Haverly & Co., on the south side of the square, were beautifully decorated with flags and draped in the national colors, red, white and blue. The offices of the Secretary of State and the State Auditor were brilliantly illuminating the evening.

A vote on the news which arrived here from the south, Wednesday night last, on the Illinois and Mississippi Railroad, resulted as follows: Lincoln, 131; McClellan, 0.

Mr. Hayes, yesterday, brought with him $225,000 to pay the troops at this place.

Gen. Rosecrans, to-day, telegraphed Col. Oakes that there were enough one hundred day men, who had volunteered for one year, or three years from St. Louis to this city, to protect the Thirteenth Ward from the draft. Gen. Fuller has had the money to pay their bounty placed in his hands by the Ward Committee.

THE WAR IN TENNESSEE.

Lively from Forrest's Movements—The Attention below Nashville—Forrest Repulses with 500 loss as Altoona.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

NASHVILLE, Friday, Oct. 7.

On Wednesday morning Gen. Rousseau was some distance southeast of Pulaski, in pursuit of Forrest, but had not been able to overtake him. Nothing has since been heard from him.

Forrest seems to have changed his programme very suddenly, his main object now being to get away as speedily as possible.

A force of Union cavalry expected to meet him on the opposite bank of the river and dispute his crossing, and if he escapes at all it will be with a much less force than he brought to this side of the river.

LATER.

Information has been received to the effect that the rebels in strong force struck the Chattanooga and Atlanta Railroad near Acworth Station, destroying several miles of track and burning Big Shanty. They were driven off with heavy loss and the track repaired in almost as short a time as it took the rebels to destroy it.

On the 5th a rebel infantry force attacked Altoona and a severe fight ensued, in which the rebels were repulsed with a loss on both sides said to be severe. Among our wounded are Brig. Gen. Corse and Col. Tourtellotte. The battle was renewed on the 6th inst. After a severe fight the rebels were repulsed and retreated precipitately leaving all their dead and wounded, amounting to near 500, in our hands. A rebel officer captured, who was on Gen. French's staff, says their loss on the 5th was very severe.

The rebels are said to be commanded by Gen. Wheeler.

Gen. Morgan, commanding the division in pursuit of Forrest, was at Shoal Creek yesterday, and slight skirmishing was going on, supposed to be with that part of Forrest's force under Buford. Prisoners captured last night on Coosby's Ferry road, report Forrest south at Lauranenburg, going towards Florence. He will meet with serious resistance should he attempt to cross the river.

Nothing has been heard of General Rousseau and Coulter.

The rebels Duvall and McNary, with a band of guerillas, are in the neighborhood of the Northwestern Railroad, but is too closely watched to be able to damage the Railroad materially.

The Indiana soldiers in hospitals being furnished to go home and vote.

Various rumors prevail of a rebel force from Hood's army trying to get in the enemy's rear, but no fears are entertained that they will be able to damage communication materially.

The bridge over the Coosawatchie was swept away last night by high water.

Guerillas cut the wires to day near Waverly, on the N. W. Railroad. The telegraph is operating to Chattanooga and Huntsville.

Maj. General Schofield is in the city on his way to the front.

POSTSCRIPT.

4:30 O'CLOCK, A. M.

FROM NEW YORK.

Our Midnight Dispatch—From Before Richmond—Southern News—Foreign News—The New York General Markets Yesterday.

[Special Dispatch to the Western Press.]

NEW YORK, Friday, Oct. 7—Midnight.

FROM BEFORE RICHMOND.

The *Herald's* correspondent from before Richmond says that throughout the past 24 hours the advance on Richmond from the north side of the James, while it has not as obstacles, has been facilitated by the demonstrated impossibility of the enemy's attempt to repossess himself of Fort Harrison. The work captured by Gen. Butler on the 29th, when the enemy were so severely punished and repulsed. Several shells were exchanged yesterday. The enemy finally gave up attempting to drive us out.

The *Herald's* 10th corps correspondent says: No further moves have taken place among the front. The fire of sharpshooters has almost ceased. The rebel dead still lie along the ground in front of the works they attempted to take from us. An attempt to bury some of their dead was abandoned in consequence of a fire opened on them by the rebels. The enemy were busily engaged last night crossing the river. They made considerable noise, but the object they had in view was not discovered.

Deserters come in who state that almost a panic still reigns in Richmond.

The rebel loss in the assaults on our works are stated by themselves to be 4,000.

The *Herald's* 10th Corps special, Oct. 4th, says we are receiving deserters from the rebel ranks daily, most of them from the local artillery. The troops at Richmond, many of them being poor laboring men, are glad of an opportunity of escaping. Among the citizens within our general lines is Mr. Libby, owner of Libby prison. Gen. Butler ordered him sent to the rear.

FROM THE SHENANDOAH.

The *Times'* correspondent says of Early's retreat, that at Woodstock the rebel officers barricaded the streets to compel their troops to load on them. He threatened to destroy the town if not permitted to pass through. Probably one-half of Early's artillery was captured. His small arms are scattered every where on the road south of Winchester. Major Davidson's command had captured, up to the 27th ult., 11,000 muskets between the latter place and the Sequan river, where the last battle was fought. More since have been taken as the Rebel prisoners say a whole company has been detailed to shoot Gen. Custar in action.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

The Richmond *Examiner* of the 6th states that General Beauregard has been assigned to the department of Tennessee and Georgia and the department of Alabama and Mississippi,

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JUDGE CATON'S SPEECH.

A correspondent sends us a report of a political speech recently delivered in Ottawa by Judge Caton. In the course of his remarks the Judge charged that President Lincoln had no authority to publish the people of the insurgent States for abolishing, by ordinance, the institution of Slavery, which power, he declared the President possessed, and he denounced the President for seeking to exercise the power of abolishing Slavery in the rebel States.

The objection of Judge Caton is based on an unworthy quibble which we are astonished that an ex-Judge would resort to. President Lincoln never claimed that he possessed the power to abolish the so-called institution of Slavery. He does not hold that his Proclamation abrogates the slave codes of the rebel States. The laws of the States authorizing, establishing, protecting, or regulating the practice or system of Slavery Mr. Lincoln's proclamation has not repealed, nor does he claim that the war power confers authority on him to repeal State laws. The Emancipation Proclamation acts on individuals; it declares that all *persons* held as slaves, in certain States, are henceforth free men; he ordered his armies and navy and take from the rebels what they regard as property. It is the property quality of these persons of which he dispossesses the rebels. He has precisely the same constitutional right and power to seize and confiscate the rebel property in slaves that he has to seize and confiscate the rebel property in horses, mules, cattle and breadstuffs. He has his seizure of every horse and mule belonging to the insurgents in any State does not abrogate or abolish the laws of that State which authorize, protect or regulate the right of property in horses or mules. The State law remains intact, notwithstanding the tangible property may be captured or destroyed.

There is nothing in the President's Proclamation of Freedom that can prevent persons from being held as slaves in Georgia, after the rebellion is subdued. All slaves in Georgia on the first of January, 1863, as *individuals*, are made free. That is, the President, as Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, has confiscated the rebel property in those persons, leaving untouched their manhood—their inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the possession of happiness. The rebels in Georgia have constitutionally lost their property in those blacks, but they retain the same legal right to hold other slaves in Georgia by virtue of her slave code, which they possessed before the Proclamation was issued.

Judge Caton is lawyer enough to fully understand and appreciate the broad line of demarcation between the institution or practice of slavery supported by State law, and the right of property a rebel may have in the services of a particular person. He knows full well that while the President, as Commander-in-Chief, as a war measure—as an act of military necessity, may constitutionally confiscate the right of property in every horse in Georgia, and direct his armies to seize them, yet he does not thereby prevent men from owning horses in a State. To emancipate, in that State; he does not abolish the laws of Georgia authorizing and regulating the ownership of such property. The same principle applies with equal force to *property* in slaves, and Judge Caton knows it.

There are two methods whereby the system of slavery, with all its black codes, may be lawfully abolished.

First, by amending the Constitution of the United States, as was proposed in Congress last winter, and inserting a clause forbidding the practice of property in man by any citizen. If this were done the whole institution would die out, root and branch.

The second method is by State action, such as that taken in Maryland, West Virginia, Missouri and Louisiana. Organic Conventions of the people of the slave States may decree the abolition of the system and strike the fetters from every bondman, and at the same time render it unlawful for any man thereafter to own slaves within the State. The Republicans are in favor of both of those modes of extirpating the huge black curse.

We think neither of it when a demagogue of the common herd attempts to practice deception on the people; but for a sitting jurist of twenty years' standing—a man of wealth, education and social position—to go before his fellow citizens and neighbors and deliberately arraign the President of the United States on a false charge, is dishonorable, to call the offense by no harsher name. The Judge has made in the first partisan speech he has made for twenty-four years. We hope for his sake it may be twenty-four years before he makes such another.

The denial of the Judge that a State can secede is a position in direct conflict with that held by the great lights of his party. All the Southern Democracy contend for State sovereignty and the right of secession; and all the genuine Copperheads of the North concede it. The rebels can never be coaxed back into the Union unless the darling dogma of State sovereignty is admitted by the North.

The admissions made by the Judge concerning the crime committed by the rebels, and the punishment they richly deserve, will certainly not hurt the Republican party, however it may be with the Disunion Peace party.

GEN. McCLELLAN AND——

If Major-General JOHN A. McClernand has not been a successful warrior, who shall deny that he is a profound logician? If he did not capture Vicksburg he has surely proved how it is possible for a man to vote for McClellan and not vote for Pendleton. He has shown us also how we may go *for* the Chicago nominee, and *against* the Chicago Platform. If one half the pains that has been taken to evolve his military genius, had been devoted to his scholastic training, we should have had a perfectly stupendous exhibition of brain power. For the better part of three years Gen. McClernand has been wearing stars on his shoulders and leading divisions to glory or the grave, when he should have been sporting the ample gown of the Professor, and teaching the young idea how to shoot. Accident not unfrequently determines one's calling, and proves that however water may battle the decrees of nature, we cannot baffle them. Gen. McClernand is a remarkable living example of this fact, and he should thank his stars that the present opportunity has been offered for developing his true vocation.

Gen. McClernand has drawn his pen and written a letter, telling, first, that he goes for McClellan, and, second, why he goes for McClellan. His reasons are conclusive! He goes for McClellan because he is for preserving the Union, "even if blood should flow, treasure be expended, and slavery swept away." The Chicago Convention declared that the Democratic party were for an immediate cessation of hostilities, that too much blood had been shed, and too much treasure expended, already—and McClellan declared in his letter of acceptance, that he was in favor of giving new guarantees to slavery. Therefore, McClernand discovers himself to be a sound Democrat and an ardent supporter of McClellan!

Having commended this exhibition of logical force, we have a few words to say on another branch of the subject. The Chicago *Times* has repeatedly declared that General McClernand had sold himself to the Republican party for a price; that he was a man of no consequence or influence when he became a Democrat, and that he had merely carried over our vote and a tainted reputation to his abolition friends; and that it hoped he would never come back, though it feared he would do so when his pay should be stopped. We neither affirm nor deny these charges, but we do say that no man ever tried so hard to make something out of nothing as President Lincoln tried to make a good General out of McClernand. Though Gen. Grant could do nothing with him, the President struggled on. He disgraced no man his motto. He kept making places for him to try. He did for McClernand on a small scale what he did for McClellan on a large one. He exhausted all the ingenuity of his mind and all the power of his position in the vain effort. It does not follow that General McClernand should vote this way or that way on account of the President's perseverance in his case. Mr. Lincoln would not belittle himself with such a thought, nor do we conceive that it makes the slightest difference, either morally or politically, which way he votes. We merely state certain notorious facts as to how a considerable waste of Executive energy in a certain direction.

TREASONS LABORED LOST.

Cannot some mode of relief be devised whereby the rebel armies may be saved from so much sweating, and the Copperhead orators be spared the necessity of exercising so much ingenuity? Imagine the consternation on the moral faculties of a Northern rebel editor, who is required every morning to publish in his telegraphic columns that the rebels have been defeated, and to appear in his editorial epistle that they are victorious. Does Bully exercise? He is endeavoring to throw Sheridan away from his base, so you would remove the water from the half dried sea to swallow him whole! Does Hardee still fall asleep the thousand of forty's nights? He is but his sure guard! His army meeting with defeat for the whole object of its existence! Does Lee, too, toss with

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down in good order towards Richmond Does Price invade Missouri? Is it proof that the rebels have not "robbed the cradle and the grave," as Gen. Grant pretends. Infants and dead men don't invade Missouri! Is Grant severing Lee's communications? It is proof, says the Peace Press, more of any nature, that the rebels are not "robbed of

Specialty Notices.

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Dr. E. Anders & Co.'s

IODOY VAPOR,

FOR THE PERMANENT CURE OF CATARRH, HAY FEVER, HEAD-ACHE, HOARSENESS, BRONCHITIS, ASTHMA, DEAFNESS, DISEASES OF THE EYE, EAR, THROAT, LUNGS, AND CHRONIC DISEASES OF THE NOSE.

CLEARS the Head, Throat, Lungs, Nostrils, Eyes, Ears, Mouth, Teeth, Gums, Tongue, Palate, Voice, Breath, Cough, Expectoration, Deafness, Debility, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Consumption, Bronchitis, Asthma, Hay Fever, Head-ache, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Kidney Diseases, Female Weakness, Piles, Chronic Diseases of the Nose, Throat, Lungs

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THE CITY.

STATE SUPPLY DEPOT.—The work on the State ammunition depot has been commenced. The piles are driven, and preparations are being made for the superstructure.

CAMP FRY.—Col. S. Bronson, of the 144th Illinois regiment, is in command of Camp Fry, and is about putting it in complete order. Col. Bronson is an opposite and highly estimable man.

MEDICAL SOCIETY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Chicago Medical Society was held last evening, the President, Dr. O. H. Haydock, in the Chair. The Secretary, Dr. Marquardt, read the minutes of the last session, which were approved.

Dr. Fitch was elected a member of the Society.

A WAIF.—On Thursday evening, a little bitty boy about two weeks old was left upon the steps of the Orphan Asylum. It was deposited in a basket, and a good assortment of clothing and a bottle of milk. The baby appears to be destitute of clothing for whom they would like homes.

PERSONAL.—Adjutant R. S. Davis, 94th Illinois, is now on a visit home. He left Atlanta on the 20th ult., and reports everything there in good condition. He will return to his regiment in a few days.

Capt. L. Tiffany, Quartermaster 3d division, 17th army corps, leaves for Atlanta this morning.

ARREST OF PICKPOCKETS.—Last evening four suspicious looking characters, two of them known pickpockets, were arrested at the depot of the Chicago and Alton railroad, by Detective Sweet, in the act of picking the pockets of passengers. The names of the Detective Sweet and the police officers of the Milwaukee and North Western depot.

AWARDS FOR COMMISSARY STORES.—Maj. Taylor, Commissary of Subsistence, U. S. A., made the following awards yesterday:

R. Adams & Co., 1,000 bbls XXXX flour, at... $8.15
R. Adams & Co., 1,000 bbls Union Mills, at... 7.75
J. S. Kirk & Co., 1,000 bbls at... 8.00
J. S. Kirk & Co., 1,000 lbs coarse crop, at 9 cts 90

DETERMINED TO DIE BUT COULD NOT.—Yesterday morning, Francis O'Neil, Company B, 23d Illinois, Veteran Reserve Corps, deliberately drew a razor across his throat, while ostensibly engaged in shaving himself at Camp Douglas. At the gash was his first, it did not sever his wind-pipe, and he still lives, though in a precarious condition. Upon questioning as to what prompted him to commit the horrid deed, he said he was tired of life.

NAVAL FAIR AT BOSTON.—A most charming affair took place at the house of J. T. Sargent, Esq., on Thursday evening, on the occasion of the drawing of an elegant sofa-bed, made by several young ladies of this city, in anticipation of the Christmas and new year auction for the Naval Fair. The fortunate winner of this beautiful article, with characteristic politeness and courtesy, generously returned the sofa-bed to the young ladies, to be sold again for the same Fair. It will probably be forwarded to Boston in time for 1865 already realized.

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SWINDLING.—A man from Litchfield, Hillsdale county, Michigan, named Daniel Hiller, was yesterday swindled out of $50 by the often exposed confidence game. He met the swindlers—two well-dressed sharp looking men—on the street, and getting into conversation with them found they were well acquainted with Benjamin Bishop, whether or he was going. Of course they wanted to "pay a little off," but were short although they had a check on a Chicago bank for $1,200, which they now found must be kept if he would have their $50. Hiller was induced to go to the bank to pay the bill and left their victim standing on the corner of Washington and Clark streets, where he waited nearly two hours for them to come out. He did not suspect that he had been victimized until he was informed of the fact.

SUICIDE.—Yesterday, at the Northwestern depot, a rash gentleman committed a double murder, arising from mental derangement. The unfortunate man was Joseph B. Gove, a farmer, twenty-four years of age, residing at Bethel, Oxford county, Maine. He was on his way from the State of Minnesota, to St. Anthony's Falls, Minnesota, traveling in company with a few friends. Arriving at the depot in this city, he exhibited the first symptoms of mental aberration. His friends became alarmed and kept a close watch upon him during a delay at the depot for an engine to draw their vigilance and in about half an hour was found with his throat cut from ear to ear, his being entirely extinct. He had used a pocket knife to perform the fatal act. He was a strictly temperate man, a consistent and leaves an aged father to mourn the rash act.

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MORE OF THE HIGGINS-PETRIE CASE.—Henry Petrie, who has figured prominently in a certain case recently, was yesterday brought before Justice Brown, charged with violence toward Dr. A. Patton Higgins. It appears that Petrie, while endeavoring to shaving himself at Camp Douglas. At the gash was his first, it did not sever his wind-pipe, and he still lives, though in a precarious condition. Upon questioning as to what prompted him to commit the horrid deed, he said he was tired of life.

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THE DRAFT.

Again Suspended Yesterday—Recruiting Progressing—Examinations or Drafted Men—Ward Meetings.

Notwithstanding the order received on Thursday evening from Col. Osborn at Springfield, the Board of Enrollment did not proceed with the draft yesterday, but was simply engaged in examining the names returned to drafted men that brought in so many that the whole time of the Board was occupied yesterday day in examining them. From sheer inability, therefore, to perform the duty assigned them, and in possession of ubiquity, the draft was again postponed. Another day of rest was thus given to the Board, and this morning at the usual hour they probably to to resume the draft unnecessarily in one or two of them. The Thirteenth Ward is at last full; the Second will not be drafted, the Third may be, but for the present, there seems to be no hope; its strength are too great to be paid in full yet the draft that overrates it, though if it is drafted, it will be for only a few drafted men are called on to report in person.

RECRUITMENTS.

The following are the enlistments of yesterday, which were effected on the quiet of the various wards proceeding the men. The large number of men credited to the Thirteenth Ward have not been mustered in, in Chicago. They are credited in accordance with an order received from Col. Oakes, to the effect that the men have been examined in St. Louis and will arrive in this city this morning, when the ward will officially be declared to be out of the draft: Wheeling 7, Northfield 2, Maine 2, Lyons 2, Lake 2, Palos 1, Third Ward 6, Sixth Ward 1, Seventh Ward 1, Eighth Ward 2, Ninth Ward 4, Tenth Ward 6, Thirteenth Ward 97, Total, 143.

DEPUTIES.

The following are the districts of the various sub-districts, to which deputies are assigned:

Wheeling	13	Thornton	19
Northfield	9	Rich	8
Maine	4	Bloom	3
Niles	9	1st ward	1
Lyons	11	2d ward	1
Proviso	11	3d ward	18
Cicero	1	5th ward	27
Lyons	4	8th ward	7
Lake	9	9th ward	36
Palatine	4	12th ward	27
Palos	4	8th ward	1
Worth	11	10th ward	8
Schiocott	11	11th ward	6
Orland	11	13th ward	3
Bremen	16	New Trier	3
Total district			519

Examination of Drafted Men.

The examination of drafted men was continued yesterday at the office of the Provost Marshal. Orders were served upon conscripts from the townships of Wheeling, Maine and Palos, and the following is the result of the proceedings. In Wheeling 36 men were summoned, of whom 13 were reported as in duty bound. Nineteen were held to be exempted for physical disability, and 36 for other causes. In Maine 27 men were summoned. Of these 8 failed to appear, 10 were exempted for physical disability, 4 furnished substitutes, 11 were exempted for physical disability, and 11 for other causes. In Palos 29 received notices to report for examination, but only 15 appeared. Of these 2 were peremptorily discharged from performing military service, 4 furnished for other causes, 1 furnished a substitute, and 4 were held for personal examination.

TO-DAY.

It is not yet known whether or not the draft will if report to-day. The men examined to-day will probably be those drafted in the towns of Lyons and Bremen.

TENTH WARD.

To the Citizens of the Tenth Ward:

About one-third of the persons enrolled in your Ward, with many liberal minded and loyal natured persons in addition, have already paid their quota, and contributed to the Ward War Fund about $20,000. The object of the undersigned, in connection with the cooperation of many true and good citizens, is now to enable to fill the quota of the Ward and save it from the draft. All persons who contributed to this fund, whether large or exempt from the draft, will receive credit for the same. Any portion of the fund to attend a public meeting at the Douglas House on the corner of Washington and Clinton streets, this evening, at 7:30 o'clock, to receive the excess of getting our Ward out of the "draft."

By order of the Committee.

ROCK RIVER CONFERENCE.

Second Day's Proceedings—Election of Elders and Deacons—Educational Meeting.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Conference met yesterday morning at 8½ o'clock, Bishop Kingsley in the Chair.

The proceedings were opened with the customary devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. L. S. Walker.

The Secretary called the roll, and a large number of the delegates answered their names. On motion, it was Resolved to omit the roll call in the future.

Rev. H. W. Cobb, General Agent of the Freedmen's Aid Society, addressed the meeting on the prevailing Bishop, and spoke at length in relation to the aims and objects of the Commission. He spoke feelingly on the pre-lave condition of the negro, both morality and society. He appealed in the strongest terms to the Christian people of this country, and aid in carrying out the objects of the Mission.

On motion, a committee consisting of Revs. G. L. S. Seaff, C. B. Fowler, and Hooper Cheps, was appointed to confer with the subject under consideration, and report thereon.

Rev. James S. Smart of the Garrett Biblical Institute, then addressed the meeting in behalf of the claims of the Institute, and asking for endowments and other pecuniary aid.

The following gentlemen were then introduced to the Conference: Revs. S. Sims of Detroit, Moses Smith of the University of Michigan, and Mr. Raymond, School Commissioner of Wyoming. M. Raymond, D. D. Kilbuck, Central Illinois, and Chas. Scott, Illinois.

The next question was then taken up. When are you ready to go home?

The committee on Rev. W. H. Cass reported in favor of the ordination of every person but him. He was accordingly continued on trial.

The committee on Rev. C. F. McKeating submitted a report, which was unfavorable, and was laid over.

A communication was received from E. H. Coddington, of Iowa City, asking to be ordained deacon.

On motion, the communication was received and adopted.

The Conference then resumed the case of C. F. McKeating, and he was continued on trial.

Rev. George Anderson, J. H. Reeves, George Cross, Moses Smith, Wm. Cowl, and John Wintermeyer were continued on trial.

A petition was received from R. F. Pearson of Kenosha, asking to be elected deacon, so that he could accept a position as army chaplain. The petition was granted.

Rev. J. M. Sturdivant was granted a location. Rev. D. D. Smith was continued a deacon of the second class.

The fifth question was taken up. "Who have been elected clerical delegates?" After a short recess, during which the Secretary was administered to the members.

Rev. Mr. Chapin, of Minnesota, presented an appeal to the Conference for aid to remove the debt on the church in St. Paul. Rev. Mr. Chapin is the Presiding Elder of the Minnesota District, and has charge of the church in St. Paul. This church is the pioneer church of the Western Conference of Methodism on the march toward the Red River.

Rev. Mr. Haggarty, of Wisconsin, also addressed the Conference, on the subject of obtaining aid for the benefit of the church in Wisconsin.

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Rev. Mr. Davidson, of Missouri, made a stirring appeal on the subject of loyalty and patriotism. The church in Missouri has suffered much in consequence of the rebel invasions, and guerilla parties. The people of Missouri have suffered untold losses and infliction, and the church is in need of assistance. The money and the produce of the country has been the horrors of civil war sloop the route of the Missouri and St. Joseph Railroad, and during the recital many of the audience were moved to tears. He spoke at length on the persecutions inflicted on himself and another minister in the city of Hannibal.

The fourth question was then taken up, "Who are the Deacons elected?" Two hundred and fifty-Haverstraw, Warren Taplin passed to examination, and Hagerty to the immediate vicinity of its growth, and for this reason at least is rendered more valuable than when lost to the producer, from the want of a market.

How to remedy this evil has been a question of much importance for many years. The inventive genius of the Yankee artisan has been busy—and not without gratifying results—to produce machines by which the bulky character of bulk and consequently economy could be reduced as to render its transportation, by rail or water, as cheap, as compared to any occasional as any other class of merchandise. We will not say that in this desideratum the acme of success has been reached; but the latest production of the Wanzer Rolled Hat Press, the natural progress of years of experiment, does accomplish what at a single day, and the difficulties which the bulky character of the hay formerly interposed to the easy and economic transportation of the article, is now entirely obviated by this invention hay can be reduced in bulk below that attained by any other commodity, namely transported on track or in vessels. This being the case, the whole markets of the world are open to, and will command the immediate attention of the United States for hay, straw, wood fibre, &c., which can only be raised where land is plenty and cheap.

We saw one of these Wanzer Rolling Hay Presses in operation on Monday a few days since, and noted even a few tons, which we will give to the readers of the Tribune. The machine upon which this Press operates is different to the table from any press now in use. The first peculiarity of the machine is the fact of raising the hay or straw, after reducing the bulkier character on the floor to a first compression, and removing the elasticity, thereby excluding the air and making it permanently solid, without breaking the fibre. The hay or straw, after being thus reduced, are twenty inches long and about one hundred pounds in weight, and are bound together by iron hoops, and by a wire in the centre of each length of the bale. The blocks of hay under the press are then removed from the floor upon which the immense pressure of the machine has been exerted, and placed in the press box or former for bale. The pressure is then made and the hoops and wire fixed in the press box or former for bale. The pressure is then made and the hoops and wire fixed in the press box or former for bale. Five minutes time is necessary for the formation of the bales, giving room to a second, and so on, the machine being capable of turning out the solidity or which may be superstitious when we state that a average of over 100 pounds of dry hay can be compressed in a bale of 2 feet 6 inches square and 40 inches long. One great feature of the Wanzer Rolling Hay Press is the fact that the bale thus formed is not taken from the floor by the bullets are being pressed into a bale, no portion of the bale is in contact with the floor, consequently it is rendered free from moisture, and the press does not affect any emptiness.

The proposed mode of this press, for a circular before the readers, is that the machine can be carried into a field of hay, weighed from the scales, and the bales put into the machine, and the whole operation of pressing, weighing and marking the bales completed in a few minutes. We intend the machine and see a practical test of the same, and will then give our readers the results. We understand that the Wanzer Rolling Hay Press is manufactured by Messrs. Wanzer & Co., of Rochester, N. Y., and that they have been favorably received by the public.

THE CANAL STREET HOMICIDE.

Holding the Inquest—Testimony—The Prisoner Exonerated and Discharged.

Coroner Wagner yesterday held an inquest on the body of Peter Curtis, whose death at the hands of a soldier was reported in the Tribune yesterday. The evidence adduced was very meagre, but from it and the circumstances surrounding the case, the jury considered themselves bound to discharge the prisoner.

The testimony proved to have been an intensely violent, partisan, and had in conversation frequently declared that he would aid any soldier or sailor in a fight. He had, it is said, for about a few weeks ago he drew a pistol on a soldier who reported to him, Chicago Avenue, demanding the use of such language. Curtis denies but little doubt that the deceased at the time of the difficulty was under the influence of liquor, and the soldier would be able to state to what his conduct was. The prisoner is a quiet, peaceable man, and has a family of over six persons dependent upon his daily labor for support. He is highly respected in the community, and it is thought that the only guilty who set the ball in motion. The Tribune reporter was informed that the prisoner was in the city, and cannot yet be found. We give below the testimony of the soldier and the testimony of Edwin Edwards.

TESTIMONY.

Edwin Edwards, sworn.—Lives on the corner of Canal and Adams streets. Was sitting in my house on a berry standing in front of the saloon on the corner. Saw a soldier and Curtis fighting; another standing by a pair of lumber. I went to the men of the fight. My son told me that I must not interfere. I went back to the house. Curtis was on the ground. I did not see the soldier strike him. I observed by the soldier. He said the soldier ordered him off the sidewalk. At the time I was there was no talk of politics. The proprietors do not desire that they own time to attend to their business and that they can have out to have no pay of to the saloon. The man was riding in the buggy with a person of a perfect hale of hay, less than twenty-five revolutions of the hub-wheel of the buggy. I saw the soldier strike Curtis. Curtis was a man in good health; looking strength, in striking it.

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The prisoner—Edward Ludlam—gave the following statement: I am a private in Company B, 19th Illinois. Yesterday, I, in company with others, went to the saloon to procure a supply of refreshments. I ordered a glass of lager, and while drinking it, Curtis struck me with his fist. I struck him in return, and he fell to the ground. I did not strike him after he fell. I was not drunk, but had been drinking. I was not intoxicated. I was not under the influence of liquor. I was not drunk. I was not intoxicated. I was not under the influence of liquor.

We arrived at the Alton and St. Louis Depot about 4 o'clock. A substitute, whose name is not known to me, stated that he intended to go over to Camp Douglas to-morrow. He was not drafted, but volunteered for the trouble to the camp. I was not drafted, but volunteered for the trouble to the camp. I was not drafted, but volunteered for the trouble to the camp. I was not drafted, but volunteered for the trouble to the camp.

The jury rendered the following verdict: "We,

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM McDONOUGH COUNTY

Gov. Yates' Speech at Macomb Yesterday.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

MACOMB, Ill., Friday, Oct. 7, 1864.

The Union mass meeting held in this city today, has largely exceeded the expectations of our friends. For two days the weather has been so inclement that all hopes of securing a crowd had, with the arrival of Gov. Yates and the other distinguished speakers, vanished, but the people will listen to a cogent advocates of the truth, despite the rain and mud, and chilling winds. There were fully 4,000 persons present, who listened to the spirited utterances of his Excellency, and testified by their cheers and shouts of approbation their possession of his earnest and eloquent words. He said it afforded him pleasure to meet the friends and brothers of the brave soldiers of Illinois from McDonough, and to talk with them about the issues involved in the present political crisis. We are in the midst of great war, and must accept its responsibilities. The question whether we must fight out into war or not, is not one of our own choosing. We are in it. We must fight and crown our proud banners. This is a government of the people, emphatically, and there is no man however exalted who can control its destinies. Every citizen is not all so partial in deciding the destiny of this great nation. In no other country are such privileges granted to all, and this it is that constitutes our peculiar pride and glory as a people. The rebellion did not begin with the present Administration of this great nation will be expressed at the ballot box, and upon the issue will depend the solution of the question as to the perpetuity of our national constitution. If the leaders at that section could be defeated at the polls, they would not carry ammunition in the platform of the Chicago Convention, but labored to all our country's glory and greatness.

If the President be not sustained in his measures and the proceedings of the war, the Union will be dissolved in very truth—then are we a divided people. The Union cannot, and nothing but the terrors of a military despotism will be our unhappy fortune.

The issue is one important for the general welfare that the State Union should succeed as it has in the past. Every man must be elected. If the State authorities do not give the supporters as efficient, hearty and earnest support, it will be impossible to bring about a satisfactory result looking to the maintenance of the national integrity and the restoration of an honorable peace. In the days of the Democratic Convention, he